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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: C-54 Cargo Doors

1. A meeting was held in DPD on 29 April 1959 to discuss the status of the C-54 cargo doors. The following were in attendance:

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2. The following items were discussed and/or decided:

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a. [redacted] requested that [redacted] be Project Officer for DPD. There were no dissenters. This means that [redacted] will be project officer in lieu of Mr. [redacted]

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b. Work on the four (4) production doors has not started.

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d. The prototype door will be service tested for six (6) months before starting the fabrication of the production units.

e. To install stainless steel tracks on the prototype will cost \$3,500. To do this on the other four (4) doors will cost \$1,000 each.

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f. [REDACTED] has talked to [REDACTED], PMD. Mr. [REDACTED] has agreed that a 55 inch wide opening in flight will suffice. This means that only the front section (wide part) of the door must be capable of being opened in flight. The rear (or small) section can remain closed in flight.

g. TSS is to take action to modify the prototype so that the rear (or small) door section will be hinged at the rear and can be used for ground entrance and exit and emergency air exit. This will require that the rear door be opened in flight from the inside, and from both inside and outside on the ground. (The front door will have a 55 inch opening and the rear door a 27 inch opening -- approximate).

h. AMS/MAT is to ship the old C-54 doors to the Contractor as soon as possible. One of these doors is to be used for the rebuilt rear door.

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i. Col. [REDACTED] and Major [REDACTED] will contact Col. [REDACTED], USAF Hqs. and obtain post facto approval for the modifications that have been made on the prototype C-54. After this it will be AMS/MAT function to obtain modification approval for design changes.

j. OPS/AS will schedule the prototype C-54 into Friendship Airport 10 - 16 May 1959 for rework of the prototype door.

3. Request all recipients advise the undersigned on any errors or omissions in the above.

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Major, USAF
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DPD-DD/P: [REDACTED] amcb

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→ Orig. - DB - [REDACTED]

2. - OPS/AS - Col. [REDACTED]

3. - MAT/AMS - Mr. [REDACTED]

4. - PP/PMD - Mr. [REDACTED]

5. - TSS/ED - Mr. [REDACTED]

6. - RI

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